One of the chief reasons advanced by Count Cassini for not desiring to have the conference hold in Washington was that public sentiment in America was hostile to the Russians and that the proceedings could not be kept out of the press. Therefore he insisted that if the conference was held in the United States it was essential that the most rigid secrecy be Poserved. The matter was the subject of exchange of views between Count Cassini and Mr. Takahira, conducted through a medium which is not disclosed, as a result of which secrecy was agreed upon as a condition precedent to the conference

"Moreover," said this Japanese authority, "all international precedent and usage favored the rule of secrecy. It would be manifestly improper for a great international issue to be tried in the newspapers day by day and hour by hour. Publicity would necessarily hamper and embarrass the negotiations. In the peace conference at Paris following your Spanish-American war that rule obtained, and it was not until some time after the conference adjourned that the proceedings became public."

But in view of the world-wide interest in the negotiations and in the known enterprise of American journalism, Count Cassini and Mr. Takahira decided that it would be proper to make to the press at such times as were deeme advisable brief formal statements agreed to by both sides. All other statements published were to be considered unauthenticated. It was to secure the possibility of secrecy that the United States placed at the disposal of the plenipotentiaries the building upon a government reservation whereto public entrance could be closed.

"It would be rather remarkable," said th Japanese, "if M. Witte had not been apprised before his arrival at Portsmouth of this pre liminary agreement as to secrecy entered into upon the particular suggestion of Count Cassini. At any rate, when the question was raised by our plenipotentiaries at the first session of the conference he assented, and has not since pro tested.

M. Witte, however, still insists that he court on behalf of the Russians the widest publicity of the proceedings. He said to-day in response to the Japanese statements:

"I am not acquainted with the understandings which may have taken place before I was appointed plenipotentiary for the peace negotiations. What I said, and what I repeat, is that the initiative of keeping the deliberations of the conference secret was taken at the first meeting by the Japanese plenipotentiaries. It is true that the Russian plenipotentiaries made no op position to it, because the Russians did no come to America to defend the rights of the press. There are so many differences on serious questions between Russia and Japan that we could not undertake to add more or less important affairs. What I wish to have clear is that, if the Japanese have nothing to the con trary, I am ready at any moment to publish the full text of all the documents before the peace conference as well as the record of the pro

#### THE ENVOYS AT CHURCH

#### Russians in Morning Attend Episcocal Service.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 13.-The Russian peace mission attended services at Christ Episcopal Church to-day.

Relief from the heat of the last two days and the early decision to abandon the proposed Sunday session of the peace conference made relaxation possible. The day was ideal from ever point of view. The roads had been packed hard by the rains, the bay and ocean were smooth. and the air bright and crisp, making driving, automobiling, sailing and steaming all attractive, and all these diversions were enjoyed by various of the foreign visitors.

After luncheon M. Witte, Baron Rosen and General Yermoloff toured the shore road in their automobile, returning to the hotel in the afternoon. They had intended to go to Magnolia and spend the night there, returning early to-morrow. On reaching Newburyport, how ever, they found that it would be when they reached Magnolia and so returned Baron Rosen democratically spent the afternoon on the veranda of the hotel reading the Sunday papers. M. Witte was in his apartments the re mainder of the afternoon

The Russians left the hotel at 10 o'clock for the church. The two plenipotentiaries made the trip in the red automobile which has been assigned for M. Witte's exclusive use. A tallyhe conveyed eight others of the Russian mission, The automobile reached the church some minutes before the other vehicle. As the envoys alighted and walked up the path leading to the church they were "caught" by several photographers, who had heard in advance of the church arrangements and place! themseives in points of vantage. The people of Portsmouth, however, did not know that the Russians had planned to attend church, and besides the envoys and their secretaries one hundred and twelve women and eight men made up the congregation.

In the church the envoys were escorted to the very front pew. On arrival, the rest of the party was also photographed and then shown seats immediately behind those of their chiefs. The service began at once. There was ne sermon. The guests had some difficulty in following the service.

In the Orthodox Russian Church there are no pews, the congregation remaining standing throughout the service. Being in the front row to-day they had to keep a sharp lookout from the tail of their eyes to get the cue and their rising was a little ragged. At last a sort of system was arranged and a hasty whispered suggestion from one of the party would bring the delegation up standing.

Rev. Charles Le V. Brine, rector, was the officiating clergyman. "Friends, we bid you welcome," was his only deviation from the prescribed service.

Mr. Witte was a keen observer of every feature of the service. He did not take his eye from the procession of altar boys and choristers, in their

white robes and red gowns. A somewhat strange coincidence in the serwice, and one which was for the moment startling to the Russians, was the sudden peal from

the organ of the Russian national anthem, the music to Hymn No. 487, which by chance formed a part of the service. To the national anthem the Russians sing:

God save the Czar, strong and powerful. Reign for glery; Reign to the terror of the enemy, Oh, orthodox Czar; long live the Czar.

The words in the hymnal, however, were, in

See barbarous nations at thy gates attend. Walk in Thy light and in thy temple bend.

part, these:

Mr. Takahira, the Japanese Minister, accompanied by Commander Isham Takeshita, naval attaché of the Japanese legation, attended the evening service at the Christian Church in Kittery. The Minister left the hotel at 6:30 o'clock in an automobile, and did not return until after 10. Although the day was exceedingly warm he wore the conventional frock coat and bowed low to the many greetings he received as he left the veranda.

It had been announced that he would attend vespers at Christ Episcopal Church, where the Russians had been in the morning, and because of the inability of the choir to remember the Japanese national hymn arrangements had been made to sing the British national anthem, out of courtesy to the visitor. The congregation set in.

looked in vain for the Minister, but every one who entered the church after the service began was a target for the gaze of the entire congregation. It seems that at the last minute, thinking his going might attract attention, Mr. Takahira decided to go to the Christian Church in Kittery, some five miles away, where he was not recognized. The Japanese Minister took part in the service. He sat near the rear of the

Baron Komura and Mr. Yamaza went for a long drive this evening, and returned to hotel much refreshed by their outing.

# INDICATIONS IN RUSSIA

#### Signs of Hope of Peace-Assembly Plans Again Blocked.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 13.-The Russian capital is in the dark regarding the meaning of the prolonged conference at Portsmouth on Saturday. The purport of M. Witte's messages received here has been imparted to only a few officials. Nevertheless, in high quarters to-day a certain feeling of hopefulness is noticeable, which is not altogether accounted for on the ground that thus far there has been no rupture, and that the terms are still under discussion with a chance of an understanding being reached. The only comment vouchsafed officially was that M. Witte's answer seemed not altogether unacceptable to the Japanese, else the conference would have ended at ence.

Count Lamsdorff, who is keeping in close touch with the Emperor, went again to Peterhof to-day, bearing the latest message, but apparently there were no important developnents here affecting the negotiations.

The Emperor has seen the other Ministers also in the last two days, but has found no occasion to summon a council. M. Witte's course seems to be meeting his full approval.

All official dispatches received from Portsmouth, after being deciphered, are forwarded to the Emperor, whose comment and suggestions thereon are sometimes expressed in marginal notes.

There is reason to believe that no manifesto on the subject of a national assembly will be issued until definite news is received from Portsmouth, so that if peace negotiations fail the promise of an assembly and the publication of the rejected Japanese terms, made simultaneously, will combine to stir up the patriotism

#### JAPANESE DISTRUST.

#### Newspaper Comment on Russian Diplomacy-Pessimism Shown.

Tokio, Aug. 13 .- The "Nippon" this morning, in reference to the peace negotiations, prints the following:

Reports from abroad purporting to come from Russian authority, to the effect that Russia has instructed M. Witte to refuse the cession of territory and the payment of indemnity, are nothing except bluff. Russian diplomacy has shown itself to be full of bluffing and intimidation, particularly so during the period preceding hos-

Whatever measures Russia takes, the fact stands out clear as daylight that Saghalien occupied, and that the possession of Kam-tchatka is within easy command of Japan. Other parts of Russia's maritime possessions Other parts of Russia's maritime possessions are within easy access of Japanese assailants.

A shrewd diplomat and statesman like M. Witte cannot be blind to the fact. A man of his financial experience ought to be alive to the fact that the expenditures required for the continuation of hostilities ought to be utilized in a channel productive of greater honefit to Russia.

tion of hostilities ought to be utilized in a chair-nel productive of greater benefit to Russia. However blind Russian statesmen may be, it is impossible to believe that they fail to ap-preciate the logic of events. Whatever differ-ences may exist between the plenipotentiaries, they can be only in the degree of cession and in-demnity, not in the principle of cession and in-

The "Hochie" takes a pessimistic view of the negotiations in view of the reported refusal of Russia to cede territory, and says that Japan ought to pay more attention to Manchuria than

# THE HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS.

#### The Management Issue a Statement Regarding the Treatment of the Envoys. Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 13.-In

criticisms of the accommodations afforded the foreign guests, the hotel management request the ion of the following statement: In regard to arrangements for the peace con

In regard to arrangements for the peace conference, the management of the hotel desires to say it has carried out in the slightest degree every arrangement made by the American government. Special service has been arranged for in regard to giving the envoys good service and food, and although the hotel is run on the American pian an extra chef and assistants have been provided especially for these people, making an a la carte service up to midnight.

The paim room, which in the ordinary way has been closed at 11 o'clock, has been kept open as late at 2 o'clock in the morning.

In regard to the Russians not receiving accommodations asked for, very good rooms were reserved for these people, but they brought with them an extra number of people. At the present time, although their rooms were not engaged before hand, every important member of the Russian mission is provided with a parlor, bedroom and bath. As American managers of an American hotel, guests could not be turned out of their rooms at a moment's notice, as is the custom in European hotels. These extra people have now been accommodated, and given everything they required. The management of the hotel also wish to state that they have interviewed the members of each mission, and they are at liberty to state that they have interviewed the members of each mission, and they are at liberty to state that they have interviewed is being done to please them and their requirements to the smallest degree are met as fast as requests are made.

# MUTINEERS SENTENCED.

#### Four of the Pruth's Crew Condemned to Death-Commutations Probable.

Sebastopol. Aug. 13 .- Of the fifty-three mutineers of the training ship Pruth, fifteen have been acquitted, four condemned to be shot, three sentenced to penal servitude for life and the remainder to shorter terms. The court recommended that two of the death sentences be commuted to penal servitude for life and the two others to ten years' imprisonment,

# LIONS EAT MAN IN ENGLAND.

#### Two Animals at Blackpool Devour a Boastful Laborer.

Blackpool, England, Aug. 13 .- Two lions, the property of the city, were found loose this morning in the yard adjoining their cage, together with portions of the body of a workingnan. It appears that the man on the previous night made the boast that he would enter the lions' cage. Evidently in an attempt to carry out this boast he opened the cage. The animals escaped and killed him, gorging themselves on his body.

# TURKISH VICTORY IN YEMEN.

#### Rebels Repulsed in an All Day Fight, with Heavy Losses. Constantinople, Aug. 13.-Feizi Pacha, com-

manding the troops in Yemen, Arabia, reports under date of August 10 the repulse of the in-surgents after an all day fight at Sevk-el-Hamis. The insurgents' losses were heavy.

#### EARL KISER RESTING WELL. Cleveland, Aug. 13.-Earl Kiser, the automo-

bile racer, who lost his left leg as the result of an accident to his machine at the Glenville racetrack here yesterday, is resting comfortably at the hospital. His attending physician pronounces himself well satisfied with the progress

# PLIGHT OF LINEVITCH.

#### SAID TO NEED TROOPS.

Unable to Hold Vladivostok Line -Japanese in Siberia.

London, Aug. 14.-"The Daily Telegraph's" Japanese correspondent at Moji says that General Linevitch is constantly changing his dispositions in order to deceive Field Marshal Oyama, He adds:

Prisoners say that General Linevitch is constantly telegraphing for additional troops. As he is unable, without reinforcements, to hold the line to Vladivostok, considerable forces have been withdrawn from his right and sent to his

left wing. New arrivals are disinclined to fight, and say they will surrender at the first opportunity. The Japanese who recently occupied Kam-

and the Sea of Okhotsk. It is believed at Tokio that as soon as the Japanese flag is seen flying at any corner of Siberia it will affect M. Witte's attitude at the peace conference.

schatka are now constantly patrolling that coast

#### RIOTING IN SEOUL.

#### Merchants Object to Reforms-Japanese Police in Action.

London, Aug. 14.-A dispatch to "The Times" rom Tokio says that there has been considerable ferment at Seoul, the merchants alleging that they have been embarrassed by Japanese financial reforms. The Japanese gendarmes, says the dispatch, were compelled to use force to disperse a mob which was threatening the

#### FRENCH VISIT ENDED.

#### Scenes of Enthusiasm at Portsmouth -Fleet to Sail To-day.

Portsmouth, England, Aug. 13.-The last day ashore of the French naval visitors was marked by scenes of enthusiasm unprecedented in a week in which the English overwhelmed with attentions their guests, from able seaman to admiral. Enormous crowds of visitors thronged the town, harbor and navy yard.

The closing entertainment was a reception given by Vice-Admiral Sir Archibald Douglas, commander in chief at Portsmouth, at Admiralty House. The French officers and men afterward boarded their ships preparatory to departure.

The torpedo boats, the first section of the fleet, will leave here at 5:30 a. m. to-morrow, followed by the battleships and cruisers, and shortly after noon the entire fleet will be on its vay to France

Vice-Admiral Caillard has issued a message to the people of England, thanking them for their magnificent reception.

#### UNITED FOR DISUNION.

#### People of Norway Vote to Separate from Sweden.

Christiania, Aug. 13 .- The Norwegian people in a referendum taken to-day pronounced in favor of the dissolution of the union with Sweden with remarkable, though not unexpected, unanimity. Of 450,000 voters, 320,000 cast ballots. While the full result will not be known for some hours, up to midnight returns showed that about one person in three thousand voted against the dissolution.

The weather was favorable, and there were scenes of the greatest enthusiasm everywhere. Thousands of women who did not have the right of franchise signed petitions in the streets indorsing the dissolution. In Christiania and other cities the entire population turned out, every

olors and pictures of Premier Michelson, One of the members of the Cabinet said to night:

The result surpasses the most sanguine ex-The result surpasses the most sanguine expectations. The next official steps will be taken after the Storthing meets on August 21, when the result of the piebiscite will be communicated to Sweden, through the Swedish Cabinet and the Riksdag. The Storthing will repeat the request that the Riksdag declare the Riksakt inrequest that the Riksdag deciare the Riksdat inoperative and the union dissolved. The Storthing will also express a willingness to negotiate
concerning the details of the dissolution. It is
the earnest desire of Norway to conclude the
dissolution amicably. Norway will never retract, but everything will be done to meet the
wishes of Sweden in other directions. If peace
depends upon abolishing the forts they will be depends upon abolishing the forts they will be abolished. Norway must remain a monarchy; the people do not desire a republic.

At midnight reports from 176 places showed a vote of 95,935 for and 37 against dissolution.

# VENEZUELA BUYS GUNS.

# Twelve Creusot Batteries Ordered-Castro Again at Caracas.

Caracas, Aug. 13.—The government has signed a \$1,000,000 contract with the Schneider company, of Creusot, France, for eight batteries of 75-millimetre campaign guns and four batteries of mountain guns of the same calibre. President Castro, who has been on a visit to Gygue since July 10, has returned to Caracas,

# TO TEST BAIT LAW.

#### Gloucester Fishermen Enter Newfoundland Harbors.

St. Johns, N. F., Aug. 13.-Three Gloucester fishing vessels, with appliances for getting their own balt, have entered western harbors, where American fishermen enjoy fishery rights under the treaty of 1818, and have announced their intention to take supplies of bait. The customs collectors have telegraphed the government for instructions whether or not to allow this, Premier Bond having said last winter that the government's interpretation of the treaty was that harbors were distinct from coast, and that treaty rights applicable to coast were inapplicable to harbors or inlets. The Ministry is now considering the matter, which has an important bearing on the future fishery relations of Newfoundland and the United States.

#### BARON VON PAWEL-RAMMINGEN HURT. Blarritz, Aug. 13.-Baron von Pawel-Rammingen, husband of Princess Frederika of Hanover, was thrown from his carriage in a runaway this evening and sustained a fracture of the skull. His condition is serious.

AMERICAN GIRL DROWNED AT BREST. Brest, Aug. 13.—An American girl, Miss Dulap Hunt, was drowned while bathing to-day.

#### SUITS FOR \$247,000 OVER STRIKE. Cripple Creek, Col., Aug. 13.-Frank J. Hangs,

who was deported by a citizens' committee last year, soon after the Independence dynamite horror, has sued several mine owners for \$135,which Kiser is making, and said to-day that he would recover, unless unforeseen complications set in.

(000. B. F. Bogart, a union miner, has entered a suit against T. B. Burbridge and the Mine on their black list.

#### No One Hurt in Wild Rush to Street in Trenton.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Trenton, Aug. 13.-While Rosabelle Leslie was inishing her engagement in the Taylor Opera House last night an unknown man in the top gallery began to yell "Fire!" The cry caused

many people to leave their seats and rush into the street from the balcony, although the doorkeeper told them that there was no fire. The manager hurried back to the stage and

found that there was no fire there, but as the people excitedly rushed down the aisles and out into the street the ticket agent pulled the auxiliary fire alarm box in his office. The chief and about a dozen engines responded to the call. The clang of the fire apparatus further alarmed the people, and more of them went out into the street, but they all returned when no fire was found in the building and the show proceeded to the end.

The trouble originated when a man in the top gallery fell across his companion in a fit. The panic did not get so pronounced that any one was trampled on.

#### MRS. MORRIS ILL.

#### Said to Have Been Operated on for Appendicitis.

It was reported here yesterday that Mrs. Gouverneur Morris, who was Miss Elsie Waterbury before her marriage on May 22, is ill at Bar Har-bor, where she and Mr. Morris have been spending the summer. On the return from their honey-mon the couple went for a while to Spencer Hall, the home of the bride's parents, Mrs. and Mrs. James M. Waterbury, at Throggs Neck.

They left there a month ago for Bar Harbor. Mrs. Morris complained of feeling ill a week ago, her symptoms suggesting an attack of appendicitis. Waterbury was aboard one of the yachts off Newport at the time, and he was told to join Mrs. Waterbury at Bar Harbor

It is reported about Throggs Neck that Mrs Morris was operated upon Wednesday for appendicitis, and is now doing well. Mr. and Mrs. Waterbury, are now with her at Bar Harbor. Interest has been excited in the case because of the recent marriage of the bride, and the fact that a little more than six months age Miss Cassle Waterbury, a sister of Mrs. Morris, was operated upon for appendicitis.

#### COAL PRICE TO GO UP.

#### Trade Journal Sounds Warning to Consumers to Buy Now.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Pittsburg, Aug. 13.-In its leading editorial tomorrow the trade "Coal Bulletin," the official organ of the coal operators, will deplore the fact that the consumers of coal have not profited by their experiences of last year, when they were caught napping with insufficient supplies of coal on hand, and sound a warning that it is probable that conditions will be worse this year unless

The editorial says the price of coal is lower than it is likely to be again in a long time, and that while the present conditions are good the opportunity cannot last a great while. Consumers, as usual, it is pointed out, are buying only for present needs. Somebody is going to suffer before the winter is over, and it will not be the producers.

# TRAIN ROBBERS CAUGHT.

#### Special Agent of Northern Pacific Does the Trick.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 13 .- In a running fight, in which a number of shots were exchanged, William G. Cumming, special agent of the Northern Pacific Railway, to-day captured three who had attempted to hold up an eastbound Northern Pacific passenger train near Sumner. The men threatened to shoot Michael Helfrich, the conductor, Detective Cumming and any other person who might offer resistance, The train was stopped and Cumming chased and captured the men. When placed in jail at Tacoma the men gave the names of Frank Roberts, Charles E. Williams and George Ruck.

# MANY PLEDGE JEWELS.

#### The Rev. Dr. Simpson Collects More Than \$45,000.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Portland, Me., Aug. 13 .- In two hours at the Christian Missionary Alliance Campmeeting the Rev. Dr. A. B. Simpson, of New-York, and his workers raised \$45,264. The pledges aggregated 424 in number and 72 of them carried a total of \$40,425. There were 145 pledges, ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Much jewelry was thrown into the collection boxes by excited

Ten young women responded when Dr. Simpson called for voluntary missionaries for foreign fields.

# RESERVES TO KILL RAT.

#### Patrolman Attacked by Rodent in the Stagg-St. Station

Patrolman Eugene Stack, of the Stagg-st. station, Williamsburg, had a fight yesterday morning with a large rat, which attacked him after he had tried to kill it. The rat lived under the police station stable, and had killed the station house cat and also several kittens. Stack yesterday borrowed a shotgun, took his

place near a hole in the stable floor, and when the rat appeared fired both barrels at it at once. The gun kicked and Stack went down in a heap, Before he could regain his feet the rat sprang at him and bit him severely in the leg battle lasted for several minutes, and w over until some of the reserves came to Stack's assistance and killed the rat

# MR. TAFT LEAVES MANILA.

#### Party Sails on the Logan to Visit Southern Ports.

Mantla, Aug. 13.-Secretary Taft, Miss Roosevelt and the other members of the party sailed at 1 o'clock to-day on the transport Logan, for Hollo. Governor General Wright, Major General Corbin and all the insular commissioners, except Commis-sioner Ide, accompanied them. UNHAPPY CHAPPIE AT CADILLAC.

#### Actress Falls Out of Bed When the Lightning Strikes-The Poodle Dies. Lightning struck the electric wires on the roof of

the Cadillac Hotel, at 43d-st. and Broadway, yesterday. Blue sparks travelled along the wires in the house and all of the drops on the telephone switchboard fell at once, just as there came a par-ticularly vivid flash. Many of the guests and visitors were frightened by the report that the hotel had been struck.

The only damage done was to the Japanese poodle

The only damage done was to the Japanese poodle Happie Chappie Jappie, belonging to Miss Catherine M. Hayes, an actress, who occupies a room on the second floor.

According to Miss Hayes, who is tall and of magnificent physique, she was lying on her bed when the storm began, and Happie Chappie Jappie was lying on the floor by the bed.

"Suddenly," said Miss Hayes, "a flash of lightning came in through the window. In my fright I fell out of bed. I ran to the hotel office and finding that no further harm had been done I returned to my room only to find poor little Happie Chappie Jappie dead on the floor by the side of the bed. I think the lightning killed him."

No other fatalities were reported.

# FIRE PANIC IN THEATRE. BOLT HITS THREE CARS. found both unconscious. They were soon re

they sought refuge in houses in the neighbor-hood and did not start home for several hours after the storm.

# CITY SWEPT BY STORM.

# Lightning Kills Girl-Accidents to Pleasure Boats in Squall.

A severe rain storm struck this city yesterday afternoon, and, followed by lightning and heavy thunder, killed several persons, and upset a large sloop and several smaller craft, endangering the lives of nearly a score. The storm broke shortly after 1 o'clock, and at the same time a heavy squall gathered on the lower bay. A young woman was struck and instantly killed by lightning at the foot of West 163d-st. In addition to the dead and injured from the storm, several cases of heat prostration were reported.

About 1:30 o'clock cries for help were heard on Ellis Island, where the immigrant authorities were trying to restore confidence among seven hundred immigrants on two of the old barges, which broke loose just as they were being towed into their slips. The barges drifted toward the Erie Basin, the immigrants yelled frantically, and for five minutes a panic was threatened. The tugs, however, got their hawsers attached before the excitement reached a panic stage.

Captain Frank Brannigan was sitting in the pilot box of the transfer steamer John E. Moore when he heard the cry, and at once put off to the rescue. Out in the middle of the bay, in the thickest part of the squall, he found seven persons, among them three women, clinging desperately to the side of a capsized sloop. They had been in this position for nearly half an hour when the John E. Moore reached them.

Captain Brannigan wheeled his vessel in the face of the storm and planted its bow against the sloop. The crew held a strong ladder against the yacht and carried its passengers aboard the John E. Moore. The sloop belonged to William Allen, of No. 139 West 164th-st., and was on its maiden trip. The party consisted of Allen and his wife, their young son Edward, Miss Mary Reilly, of No. 238 West 134th-st., Harold and Laura Melony, of the same number, and Ralph and Robert Peck, of No. 134 West 104th-st. Miss Malony was exhausted when help came.

The others stood the buffeting well. All were taken to the Ellis Island Hospital, where, after a few hours' rest, they were able to go home. Their sloop was towed to the island by one of

#### TELLS OF EXPERIENCE. "The sloop is one I bought a few days ago,

said Mr. Allen. "I haven't even named it. left the foot of West 93d-st. about 1 o'colck, intending to go as far as Coney Island. We were about half a mile off Ellis Island when the storm swept over the bay. The squall was so thick that I could scarcely see my finger before me. I saw the storm coming and tried to beat in under the lee of the island, but couldn't Then I started to run down my sails when the jib stuck. I ran forward to haul it down when it split and became tangled in the ropes. The wind then swept down on us with terrific fury. I ordered the women and children to go inside the cabin. In a moment the wind caught the big mainsail and capsized the sloop. I ran aft at once and got there just in time to see my wife and her friends swept overboard. I swam out for them. Miss Reilly, however, managed to cling to the port side of the sloop. The boys are all young, but showed remarkable grit, My smallest boy lost his hold and went down once, but I got him and held him fast until help came. Yes, it was a narrow escape. I am very thankful for the timely aid of Captain Branni-

gan and his men." Two men-William Strangeways and Frank Lieber, of No. 185 West End-ave. and No. 135. West 60th-st.-were lifted out of the water off Bay Ridge by the tug Katy D. and were brought to Manhattan by the revenue cutter Hudson, ex- | the place. Dr. Barnes and three men were in hausted. Their boat, a thirty-foot sloop, had mascot, a yellow dog, was saved with them.

Miss Jeannette Freer, twenty years old, of No. 48 East 132d-st., was struck by lightning while waiting in Andrew Marshall's boathouse, at 163d-st. and the Hudson River. More than a dozen persons were knocked unconscious by the bolt that killed the girl, but escaped serious injury. Miss Freer was there with Thomas Newdir, of No. 2,229 8th-ave., to wait for the arrival of William F. Ridley, of No. 558 West 158th-st., who had promised to take them out in his launch, the Nevis.

When the storm burst several persons rushed into the boathouse for protection. Suddenly there was a crash as a bolt of lightning struck the south wall of the house, tearing a hole ten feet long, and then darting through the room to where Miss Freer sat. Missing a dozen persons between the south wall and the girl, the lightning struck her on the head and ran through

her body into the floor. The building caught fire. George Deckmeyer ran to the house, and saw what appeared to be a great heap of dead people on the floor. Hastily putting out the fire that had started in the south wall, he summoned Patrolman Gallagher, who sent a hurry call for an ambulance. Dr. Darling arrived from the J. Hood Wright Hospital and quickly revived all except Miss Freer. Her body was removed

#### to the West 152d-st. police station. BIG CHIMNEY INJURED.

The big brick chimney of the New-York Steam Heating Company, at 59th-st. and Avenue A, erected last May, was ait by the lightning. The bolt struck the top of the chimney, 325 feet above the street, and made a zigzag line downward about fifteen feet. Then it seemed to lose itself in the structure. Bricks were hurled in every direction from the top of the chimney, and the lightning stroke caused a panic among the three hundred families living in nearby tenements. The ineighbors were afraid that the big chimney would topple over on them, and many families began to move out their furniture in the pairing rain.

Many men, women and children, who were wait-ing for cars for Brooklyn, were thrown into a panic at the Manhattan end of the Williamsburg Bridge when a bolt of lightning hit the long shed between the tracks of the Brooklyn and Manhattan cars. The platform was jammed. There was a blinding flash, and every one was more or less

For an instant the people under the shed were too stunned to move, but they quickly recovered and made a wild dash to get away from the shed They forgot about the rain, and ran out into Clinton and Delancey sts., some of them not stopping until they had taken refuge in hallways a block

Patrolman Hickey, who was on duty at the end of the bridge, tried to prevent the people from trampling on each other, but he was totally unable to stop the rush. After the shed was pretty well cleared he found a woman lying unconsciou on the platform, directly under where the lightning had ripped the hole in the roof. Before she could call an ambulance the woman recovered and refused to go to a h ospital. She was Mrs. Francis Lowrie, thirty years old, of No. 119 West 115th-st., Manhattan. While the storm was at its height Patrick Cre-

gan, nineteen years old, of No. 152 Franklin-st., reenpoint, was hit by lightning in front of No. 106 South-st., Williamsburg. He was thrown to the sidewalk and lay unconscious until the arrival of the ambulance from the Williamsburg Hospital Dr. Rarick found several burns about the body of Cregan, and took him to the hospital.

Lightning hit the elevated railroad at Intervale and Westchester aves., The Bronx, run down through a pillar and knocked down a man and a boy who were taking refuge from the rain under the structure. Patrolman Griffin

#### Lightning hit the big Union Railway feet cable near the northwest corner of 3d-ave, and East 13Sth-st. It ripped off the cable insulation, and, with the iron pole for conductor, the

current buried itself in the ground, which was heavily charged for twenty feet around with electricity. Many persons were shocked,

When the storm broke over Fort George the machinery of the big Ferris wheel stopped, and the fifty men, women and children in the various cars were held prisoners high in the air while the drenching rain wet them to the skin. For fully an hour they had to remain in the

The heavy rain washed tons of loose earth from the new Speedway extension onto the tracks along the river front of the New-York Central Railroad, especially at 133th 147th and 155th sts., where the mud was piled several feer high. A wrecking car was sent to the danger point and a hundred Italians hired to clear the tracks, which was done in time to prevent the feared delay to the Dolly Varden train, which passes along that point at 5 p. m.

The flood at the Boer War spectacle, at Brighton Beach Park, made a lake of the big battlefield and caused the management to abandon the 5 o'clock performance. The management had given orders to hurry the battle scenes somewhat, in order that the first performance of the day might be over before the The heavy rain washed tons of loose earth

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The sloop yacht Delta, while off Port Jefferson, with John B. Godfrey, of New-York, and a party of guests on board, was struck by lightning. The bolt splintered the mast and stove a hole in the boat, which filled and sank. Dr. Harry S. Petit, of Adeiphi Academy, of Brooklyn, and members of the Port Jefferson Tacht Club saved the owner and his friends.

At Oyster Bay the fleet of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club suffered severely, especially the fleet of smaller raceabouts and cratimany of them being driven on the beach, and three of the fleet were sunk, but will be raised and placed in commission again.

Lightning shattered the flagpole and carried away the rigging and burgee of the Canarsie Yacht Club, at Sands Point, Jannaica Bay, Long Island. Many boats were sunk and several of the several of the

Yacht Club, at Sands Point, Jamalca Bay, Long Island. Many boats were sunk and several of the yachts were damaged beyond repair. At Bay Shore, Point o' Woods, Amityville, where the Unqua Corinthian Yacht Club fleet anchors. Eider Island, Long Island, where the clubhous of the Hempstend Bay Yacht Club is, and all along the coast the storm played hayon with the along the coast the storm played havoc with the craft, sinking the smaller boats and strewing the beaches with wreckage of all descriptions.

Lightning played havoc at Far Rockaway

where two houses were struck and set and several trees were demolished. Ou

Rockaway Beach trolley cars was struck and Paterson, N. J., Aug. 13.-A severe thunderstorm passed over this city late this afternoon and did considerable damage to the wires of the Edison Electric Works of the Public Service Corporation, which supplies the city with street illumination. All the streets are in darkness Twenty-two electric circuits, extending to Hale-don, Totowa, Singae and Clifton, were burned out, and large gangs of men were engaged in repair work for several hours, but were un-able to relieve the darkness by the repair of a

Lambertville, N. J., Aug. 13.-William Black was struck and killed by a bolt of lightning this afternoon. He was hurrying across a field to reach shelter. His clothing was completely torn from his body and his flesh was hadly burned.

# LIGHTNING CAUSES PANIC

# Flash Throws Patients at Sanatorium Into Uproar.

[BT TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Stamford, Conn., Aug. 13.-A flash of lightning threw the inmates of Dr. Frank Barnes's sanatorium, Grey Towers, into a panic, at Stamford, yesterday afternoon. The terrifying flash split a tree a hundred feet from the Gre Towers stables and felled a horse which had taken refuge under the tree. Then it ran along a barbed wire fence to the barn, up the lightning rod to a strip of tin, followed the tin over the caves and down on the other side into a

box stall. It struck Dr. Barnes's horse in the head, closed its eyes and paralyzed it. From the stable the electrical fluid ran along the telephone wire and entered every cottage on the engine room and they were prostrated. The filled with water and sunk under them. Their | immates of all the cottages were shocked more or less, and, when the lights went out, the excitement, especially among the more violent on ..., was intense. Attendants went about with candles and lamps trying to calm the patients,

> In one or two cases it is feared the shock may have a lasting effect. A peculiar feature of the lightning's visit was that the only damage of any consequence done

but it was a long time before they became quiet.

directly by it was to Dr. Barnes's horse. During an electrical storm at Greenwich this afternoon lightning hit a New-York and Stamford car and burned out all the fuses. Giuseppe Pressiove, a passenger, jumped up and cried "Don't kill me!" He then jumped over a couple of seats and dived headforemost through the canvas rainshield into the street. He was

### slightly hurt by his dive. LIGHTNING FIRES HIGH SCHOOL

### Girls' Institution in Brooklyn Struck-Fire man's Daring Climb.

While the atorm was at its height yesterday a solt of lightning struck the tower on top of the Girls' High School, at Nostrand-ave, and Halsey-st., Brooklyn, and set fire to the woodwork inside. An alarm of fire was sent in by a patrolman of the Gates-ave. station. The firemen reached the roof by means of the extension ladder, and then Thomas Brannan, of Engine No. 133, started to climb to the top of the tower with a scaling lad-

When he got to the end of the ladder there seemed to be no way of getting inside the tower. from which smoke was coming. About four feet above him was a small opening, and, taking a firm grasp, he swung free from the ladder and after a good deal of trouble managed to wiggle inside. An admiring crowd watched and cheered the efforts of the daring fireman. Once inside, he drew up an axe and, chopping away the burning woodwork, threw it down on the roof, where the

fire was put out by his companions.

Later the firemen got the key of the school and took an extinguisher up in the tower and gave the woodwork a thorough drenching. The damage was not great, but might have been considerable had not Brannan got at the burning woodwork as soon

# ROOM WRECKED, OCCUPANTS SAFE.

#### Lightning Tears Up the Furniture, but Avoids Couple in Bed.

Lusk, Wyo., Aug. 13.—In a storm last night light-ning struck the house of P. N. Summers. The posts of the bed occupied by Summers and his wife were burned, a hole was burned in the car-pet at each castor, two window frames were split, the wallpaper was torn off, a partition splintsred, a shade torn down and the floor was burned, but Summers and his wife were not harmed.

PLAN MONUMENT TO GENERAL KNOX. Thomaston, Me., Aug. 13.-It is planned here to ask Congress for an appropriation to erect a monu ment to General Henry Knox, the first Secretary of War.

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